IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

Case No. 1:17-CV-184 (CCE) (LPA)

BARRY HONIG, an individual,

Plaintiff,

v.

ROBERT LADD, an individual; MGT CAPITAL INVESTMENTS, INC., a Delaware corporation; TERI BUHL, an individual; and DOES 1-20,

Defendants.

DECLARATION OF TERI BUHL IN SUPPORT OF RULE 12(b)(2) MOTION TO DISMISS THE COMPLAINT FOR LACK OF PERSONAL JURISDICTION

- I, Teri Buhl, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, declare the following to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge and, if asked to do so, I could and would competently testify as to these facts:
- 1. I am named as a defendant in the above-captioned action. I make this declaration in support of my Motion to Dismiss the Complaint for lack of personal jurisdiction pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(2).
- 2. I am a citizen and resident of the City of New York in the State of New York.
 - 3. I have resided in New York, New York since the middle of 2015.
 - 4. Prior to 2015, I resided in New Canaan, Connecticut for ten years.
 - 5. I have never maintained a residence in the State of North Carolina.
 - 6. I have never owned any real property in the State of North Carolina.
 - 7. I have never had any office in the State of North Carolina.

- 8. I have never maintained any bank accounts in the State of North Carolina.
- 9. I have never had any telephone listing in the State of North Carolina.
- 10. I have never filed state income tax returns in the State of North Carolina.
- 11. I have never sold any goods or performed any services in the State of North Carolina.
- 12. I have never traveled to the State of North Carolina to sell goods or services.
 - 13. I have never traveled to the State of North Carolina to solicit business.
- 14. I have never traveled into the State of North Carolina (for any purpose) except on a single occasion when I travelled through the Raleigh-Durham Airport approximately two years ago while en route to a destination outside of North Carolina for a vacation.
- 15. I am an investigative journalist with a particular focus on the financial industry.
- 16. I have contributed to a number of news and industry trade publications, including the New York Post, Forbes Magazine, Fortune Magazine, Hearst Newspapers, and The Atlantic.
- 17. I also report for a publication called Growth Capitalist, which is operated by the media company, Market Nexus Media.
- 18. Since 2010, I have operated and written content for teribuhl.com, a website that offers commentary on business deals and financial transactions.

- 19. From 2010 until 2013, I operated the website teribuhl.com from the State of Connecticut.
- 20. From 2013 to present, the business of teribuhl.com has been conducted in the State of New York.
- 21. The articles attached as Exhibits A and C through F to the Complaint in the above-captioned action and which Plaintiff refers to as the "Defamatory Articles" were all drafted, researched, and investigated from New York.
- 22. None of the articles attached as Exhibits A and C through F to the Compliant in the above-captioned action and which Plaintiff refers to as the "Defamatory Articles" were drafted, researched, or investigated from North Carolina.
- 23. I never travelled to North Carolina in connection with the drafting, research, or investigation of the articles attached as Exhibits A and C through F to the Compliant in the above-captioned action (which Plaintiff refers to as the "Defamatory Articles").
- 24. I never placed or a received a telephone call to a North Carolina phone number in connection with the drafting, research, or investigating of the articles attached as Exhibits A and C through F to the Compliant in the above-captioned action (which Plaintiff refers to as the "Defamatory Articles").

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing statements are true and correct.

Dated: June <u>30</u>, 2017

Executed at New York County

State of New York

Ceri Bull
Teri Buhl

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on July 5, 2017, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send email notification of such filing to the following:

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